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Delta Stewardship Council
650 Capitol Mall, Fifth Floor
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: Adoption of Draft Delta Flow Criteria Report

Dear Chairman Isenberg and Council Members;

The County of Glenn has reviewed the State Water Resource Control Board's ("SWRCB") draft report entitled "Development of Flow Criteria for the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Ecosystem" ("Draft report"), dated July 20, 2010. In addition we have also reviewed selected comment letters provided to the SWCRB from concerned organizations from within as well as outside of our region. As a small, rural county, Glenn County relies on the assistance and input, of various entities in the protection of water rights necessary to maintain our agriculturally based economy. Therefore, we would like to reiterate the sentiments of some of these organizations on the failure of the Draft report, in the following areas:

- The Draft report does not take into consideration the devastating effect that the recommended flow criteria would have on the overall economy of the Sacramento Valley region.
- The Draft report does not take into consideration the effect of increased groundwater usage in the region that we work so hard to protect and conserve.
- The Draft Report looks to flows to solve the Delta's problems and suggests that the flow criteria are supported by the "best available scientific information" when it is abundantly clear that flows alone cannot solve the complex problems of the Delta.
- The Draft report does not take into account that the recommended flow criteria are inconsistent with the interests of the public or the policy of co-equal goals for the protection and restoration of the Delta.
- The Draft report does not consider the effect to areas upstream of the Delta and the important role these upstream environments play for a healthy and economically viable California.

With the adoption of the Draft report by the Delta Stewardship Council and further consideration of the Draft report in the Bay Delta Conservation Plan processes, it is critical that the Draft Report be consistent with the legislative directive. We agree with others that it is appropriate to address and clarify what is "necessary" versus what may be convenient given the limited time frame available to develop the Draft report.

Sincerely,

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STEVE SOETH, CHAIRMAN

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